

FROM THE PRINCIPAL – RAY JOHNSTON

**Behaviour Update**

Recently, I have had the unpleasant task of suspending some students for quite lengthy periods of time. Our school, as you know, has a firm and fair Responsible Behaviour Plan. We have clear expectations and a lot of support mechanisms in place for our students... but inappropriate misbehaviour will be met with appropriate consequences.

Some recent suspensions involved a small number of students bringing alcohol to school and/or consuming a small amount at school. All incurred suspensions in the 2 to 4 week range. This behaviour will not be tolerated at Tannum Sands SHS. The second incident involved a rather serious assault of a student on the bike track after school, which was videoed on a phone and posted to U-tube. Again, this will not be tolerated and longer-than-usual suspensions were handed out.

As it appears that some of our students are having difficulty understanding the seriousness of some of their actions in the “virtual” world, I intend to include some more specific references in our Responsible Behaviour Plan to “e-offences”. Hence, I will be seeking parent reaction to proposed additions to our plan e.g. surrounding the recording, transmission, uploading and so on of inappropriate material. The proposals will be floated through future newsletters and via our P&C meetings. I really urge you to have input into these discussions.

**Federal Computers for Schools Program**

As you will be aware, the Federal government intends to commit dollars to enable each Year 9 to 12 student in Australia to have access to a computer over the coming triennium. This will involve a large amount of preparatory planning. We really need some parents on a steering committee we intend to form. If you might be interested, please ring Narelle Cleaver, our Head of Department (HOD) for Information Technology, for more details.

**Subject Selections**

Last Wednesday, our information evening was held for Year 8 and 10 students and their parents. *Why are students selecting subjects now?* This is part of our Junior Curriculum Review. We want our Year 8’s moving into electives sooner to reduce boredom, increase challenge and move them into a Secondary mindset. Yr 10’s will choose subjects that bridge more closely to Year 11/12 subjects – students can ‘road-test’ Senior subjects so that more appropriate Year 11 choices are made.

**School Council**

This body has not operated for several years (we could never gain sufficient parent nominations). I am formally giving notice to our school community that I am proposing the dissolution of our School Council. If you wish to make a submission against this occurring, please write to “The Principal” outlining your reasons. *Enquiries to Ray Johnston, Principal.*



Year 9’s taking part in the first National Testing



Chappy’s Mountain Bike Challenge

AROUND THE SCHOOL



Yr10’s Nathan Hogg, Michael Ritchie, Owen Evans, Harry Loretz, Jackie Stewartson and Kai Simmons ‘brush up’ on Mixed Media Art in the Resource Centre.



Drama Games



Mr Mallabar’s CPR class- Yr8’s Brendon Ford, Tamara Horvath, Lilly Ford and Lachlan Hughes



VACCINATIONS

If you have given your child permission to take part, Yr 8 students will have Chicken Pox Vaccinations on

Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> May and Year’s 8 9 and 10 will have their second HPV vaccination.

Monday 19th  
Year 8 & 10  
Subject  
Selections

Thursday  
22nd  
QUT Smart  
Train

## EXPLAINING OUR DANCE RULES

- *Why can't students buy tickets at the door?*

Practicality: because experience has shown too many make up their mind at the last minute... and then the Student Council doesn't know whether the dance should go ahead or not

- *Why can't students arrive late?*

Safety: most parents expect their son or daughter is at the dance for the full three hours. If we don't enforce this, parents will have no idea whether their students are here or someone else. (NOTE: exceptions are allowed e.g. for those who work, provided parent note is handed in beforehand to Deputy or Principal)

- *Why must early-departing students be collected at the door?*

Safety: we have no way of knowing otherwise in whose car or company someone is leaving as they walk off in the dark

- *Why are soft drinks, chips and lollies sold on the night?*

The school is allowed a small number of "red food" occasions each year, and students have elected for the dance to be one such occasion



## THE NEW SHINE PROGRAM AT TANNUM

Tannum has had a great addition to its many worthwhile programs this term, *Shine*. Run by a lovely bunch of volunteers, Meryl Fox, Gail Davis, Jenny Falls and Tania Andrews, *Shine* is all about making girls understand that they are unique, that they have worth and are naturally beautiful (while, of course, encouraging them to have lots of fun in our very secret pampering and enlightening weekly Wednesday workshops). Our bubbly group of eleven girls in Year 9 have already joined in the helpful skin care and make-up seminars that are generously funded through the local Chaplaincy.

By the end of the term, each selected girl will have experienced a trip to the hair salon, learnt table and interview manners, learnt great tricks in nail care and had a wonderful Graduation Ceremony at a local Tannum restaurant. In the process, the program intends to instil, over the coming years at Tannum, an appreciation in our wonderful young women of their own value, and the belief that they should take time out for themselves.

In the future, *Shine* shall run at Tannum twice a year and usually with our Year 9 girls. It will work in conjunction with other fantastic programs run by our hardworking School Chaplain, Dave Kamholtz. Anyone wanting more information on this exciting new program can contact me, Alicea Perry, during school hours on (07) 4979 9734 or Chappie on (07) 4979 9703.

Shine on Ladies!



*One of our students enjoying some pampering during a Shine lesson.*

## UNDERGRADUATE MEDICINE & HEALTH SCIENCES ADMISSION TEST (UMAT)

Medicine, Dental Science and Oral Health undergraduate degrees at some institutions, require applicants to undertake the Undergraduate Medicine and Health Sciences Admission Test (UMAT). Please note that UMAT2008 will be held on Wednesday 30 July 2008.

Registrations open in April and close 5pm AEST on Friday 6 June 2008. Late registrations will be accepted until 5pm AEST on Friday 20 June 2008. The UMAT2008 Information Booklet is available on the UMAT website. Email: [umat@acer.edu.au](mailto:umat@acer.edu.au) or visit <http://umatweb.acer.edu.au>. Phone (03) 9277 5746/5502. .



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### **BUSY, BUSY, BUSY – COMPETITIONS!!!!**

IT IS NOW BECOMING AN EXTREMELY BUSY TIME OF YEAR WITH SOME COMPETITIONS ALREADY BEING COMPLETED AND QUITE A FEW COMING UP IN THE FOLLOWING WEEKS.

If your student would like to participate in the remaining competitions, an orange payment form is available at the front office.

### **FOR THOSE INTERESTED IN PHOTOGRAPHY OR FILM**

Following are two competitions which may be worthy of your talent – further information can be obtained from the websites or by seeing Mrs Cook in Staffroom 1.

### **DIABETES AUSTRALIA SNAP UP PHOTOGRAPHIC COMPETITION**

Entries close – Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> June.

Students can choose to enter one of two categories below

**Category 1** – 'Living Well' will offer students the opportunity to explore the elements of physical activity, healthy eating and mental well being for Queenslanders of all ages.

**Category 2** – 'Living Well with Diabetes' will offer students the option to explore the subject of diabetes management.

[www.diabetesqld.org.au](http://www.diabetesqld.org.au)

### **PCYC SHORT FILM COMPETITION –**

Entries Close – 27<sup>th</sup> June 2008

**Themes:** Racism

Peer Pressure

The competition is designed to help make our youth of today aware of the current social issues many young people face on a daily basis and to provide an alternate solution.

**1<sup>st</sup> prize - \$2000**

**Runners up - \$1000**

[www.pcyc.org.au](http://www.pcyc.org.au)



## Business and IT Skills Centre



My name is Stephen and I am studying Certificate II Information Technology at the BITS Centre. In the afternoon I complete work for businesses and this contributes to my Certificate I Business. Before work is completed we go through the 'Stop Take Five' workplace health and safety process. This ensures the work we do is done as safely and efficiently

as possible. Michelle Hunter, Community Relations Officer, recently revised the process with us before we undertook a job we were doing for the Smelter. I like this process because it helps me to identify hazards and put in the necessary controls to do work safely.

In the future I would like to be working for myself in the Civil Industry and being part of the BITS Centre is helping me gain skills which will help me to reach this goal.

**Vacancy - Apprenticeship Baker, Gladstone Valley**  
Brumby's at the Valley (Gladstone) has a position for a full time apprentice baker. The position is available for someone with a year 10 pass in Maths who is looking for full time secure work for 4 years (duration of apprenticeship).

Apprentice's will be signed up through Busy at work and complete a Certificate III in Food Processing (Retail Baking-Bread), they will be required to complete 2, 3 week blocks of TAFE training at Brisbane South bank TAFE. This is booked in sometime during the duration of the apprenticeship. Fax resumes to 49266972 if you need to contact someone in relation to this advertised position, Please call Ted Whittingham (owner) 49724988.

**Closing Date: 23/05/08**

## AUSTRALIAN STUDENT MINERAL VENTURES – NORTHERN & WESTERN REGION

The Australian Student Mineral Venture Scheme is a series of vacation programs held annually throughout Australia. The Northern Region comprises of Queensland, north of Maryborough, and the Northern Territory.

The Australian Student Mineral Venture (ASMV) Scheme is a series of prestigious vacation programs presented annually throughout Australia. These ventures introduce senior high school students to the many career pathways available within the mineral industry. The programs involve mine and plant visits, geological excursions, lectures and exposure to scientific innovation and research. They provide hands-on experience in the latest scientific and technical approaches being used by industry and an opportunity to meet key industry personnel.

The locations, dates, costs and selection criteria are summarised on the application forms available on the Careers Noticeboard. More information is available on the following website

<http://www.ausimm.com.au/Content/default.aspx?ID=157> or see Mr Todd Comrie/Ms Perkins in Staffroom 4. This is a very exciting and stimulation program in which students can be involved.

When: 5<sup>th</sup> July – 18<sup>th</sup> July 2008

Cost: \$385 (includes GST) per student, payable after selection. The ASMV's are substantially subsidised by The AusIMM Education Endowment Fund and the minerals industry, and the majority of expenses relating to transport, meals, accommodation, excursions and social activities are covered. Financial hardship should not deter any student from applying, because other sources of funding may be available to assist attendance. For more information please contact Todd Comrie on 4979 9777.

## STATE AGE NETBALL

The Curtis Coast Dolphins 15 years & 13 years Rep Netball teams travelled to Maroochydore last Friday to compete at the State Age Netball Championships, held at the Sunshine Netball Complex. The 15 years team played 11 rounds over 2 & ½ days and were locked in a three-way tie with

Cairns and Nambour. After a tense couple of hours waiting for the goal percentages to be worked out, Curtis Coast was placed first in their Division with Nambour as runners up. This was a huge surprise as we were



expecting Cairns to win. The girls were ecstatic as they had fundraised and trained hard for weeks to get to the carnival. Unfortunately the 13 years team didn't get a place in the competition but they had a great experience and will be raring to go older and wiser next year. All the girls conducted themselves in a very sportsmanlike manner and represented Tannum Sands and Boyne Island admirably.

In the 15 years team (in picture) are: Back Row: Kate Larson (Manager), Hayley Beaumont, Poppy Larson, Kacie Ryder (Coach), Nikola Ballinger, Natalie Davis, Jasmine O'Connor. Front Row: Tayla Morgan, Hannah Jefferies, Jaymee Williams and Alana Cooke

## WHO'S WHO AT TANNUM HIGH

Name: **Todd Comrie**  
Role: HOD Senior Schooling and Business, Co-ordinator of the BITS Centre at BSL.



Todd has been working with our students for the past five years, and says that he has enjoyed his work during this time. Todd said that returning to this area after working in schools in the northern SE corner, he realised it is more about teaching up here as opposed to behaviour management. This was the case in his previous schools. Todd enjoyed working on the musical in 2004 "Back to the Eighties", and organising the unique Beach Bash Carnival in 2004/05.

His favourite foods are Japanese, Indian, Thai, oh.....and chocolate. Todd fondly remembers going to the park with his four siblings and Dad. He said they went often, but only found out recently they were taken to the park when his Mum was fed up with them.

A couple of Todd's hidden talents include being Gladstone's Croquet Champion in 1981, and holding a Certificate in Artificial Insemination of cattle.

## POSITION VACANT

**Community Education Counsellor - Full Time**  
Interested applicants are to send expressions of interest and their resume, in confidence, to Mr John Adie PO Box 3058 Tannum Sands 4680.

## FOR THE FRIDGE

Monday 19<sup>th</sup> Year 8/10 Subject Selections Due  
Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> Years 8, 9 & 10 Vaccinations

## MAY 2008

Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> .....QUT Smart Train, QCS MC for Year 12's,  
Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> ICAS Science Competition